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There is very little passenger traffic between Saigon and the Philippines, and as the running time is over four days there is not so much danger to be apprehended from the crew or passengers themselves.

Plague has also made its appearance in Brisbane, Australia.

A large number of smallpox cases continue to occur at Nagasaki and other Japanese ports. A number of vessels that call here have had their crews contract smallpox while on that coast, and in consequence we are also menaced from that quarter.

A very encouraging feature of the situation is the fact that while plague has increased so much in other ports the number of cases in Manila has remained about the same. From this it would appear that the large amount of sanitary work that is being done is bearing fruit.

No vessels cleared for the United States during the week.

Detention at Amoy of steerage passengers for the Philippine Islands recommended.

[Inclosure.]

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARANTINE OFFICER
FOR THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,
Manila, P. I., June 9, 1904.

Dr. CARL JOHNSON,
United States Consular Surgeon, Amoy, China.

SIR: Referring to your letter of June 4, 1904, which states that plague is present in Amoy and that it is epidemic in several cities from which Manila passengers come, I have to state that hereafter vessels entering ports of the Philippines from Amoy, which carry steerage passengers, will have to undergo a detention of seven days, which is to date from the time disinfection of the vessel is completed in the Philippines. If, however, you could make arrangements to quarantine the passengers who ordinarily take steerage accommodations at Amoy for the period of seven days, and such passengers are accompanied by a certificate from you to the effect that they have undergone such detention, and that no quarantinable disease has made its appearance among them, the vessel bringing such passengers will only be subjected to the usual disinfection before being granted pratique.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, Chief Quarantine
Officer for the Philippine Islands.*

Week ended June 4, 1904:

	Cases.	Deaths.
Smallpox	3	0
Plague	2	2

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Report from Cebu—Case of bubonic plague.

Assistant Surgeon Fox reports, May 25, through Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser, as follows:

A case of bubonic plague, resulting in death, occurred in this city May 25, 1904, in the person of a Filipino girl 8 years of age; origin unknown.